

2007 Arizona Drought Preparedness Annual Report

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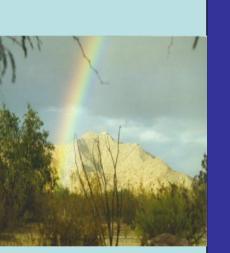




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Statewide Drought Program

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- General Plan Modifications



Program Development & Plan Implementation Highlights



- Coordination of 3 structured groups
- Drought planning for community water systems
- Education and outreach



Local
Drought
Impact
Groups

Interagency Coordinating Group

Coordination of 3 Structured Groups

 Involvement from local drought impact groups

 Drought Reporter page added to Drought Monitor Report



Local
Drought
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Interagency Coordinating Group

Coordination of 3 Structured Groups

2006

- Cochise
- Pinal
- Santa Cruz
- Pima

2007

- Yavapai
- Graham/Greenlee

10 of 15 counties

In process

- Apache
- Navajo
- Mohave

Planned for 2008

- Yuma
- Gila
- Maricopa
- La Paz
- Coconino



Local Drought Impact Groups

Interagency Coordinating Group

Coordination of 3 Structured Groups

- Participation in Monitoring Technical Committee
- Drought Reporter
- Rain Gauges
- Drought Impacts Database and Reporting System



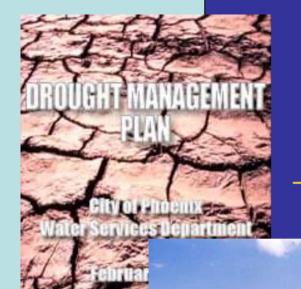
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 Executive Order - Drought Declaration

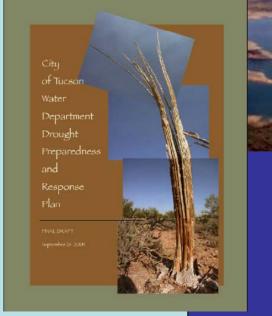
- Emergency Drought Declaration
- Drought Disaster Designation



Drought Planning for Community Water Systems Outside of AMAS

ADWR began implementation of drought planning requirements for community water systems, as established by the state legislature in 2005 (House Bill 2277).

These requirements were created to ensure that the state's water providers reduce their vulnerability to drought impacts and are prepared to respond when drought occurs.



A public water system that serves at least 15 service connections or 25 year-round residents.

~800 systems in Arizona



System water plans

Annual water use reports

Drought Planning for Community Water Systems

Three Components

Water Supply Plan - To evaluate water supply needs and strategy to meet needs

Drought Preparedness Plan - To meet the needs of the system during drought or water shortage conditions

Water Conservation Plan - To

increase the efficiency of the water system, reduce waste, and encourage consumer water conservation efforts

Small water systems (< 1,850 customers) and joint plans – Jan. 2008 Large water systems (> 1,850 customers) – Jan. 2007



System water plans

Annual water use reports

Drought Planning for Community Water Systems

- Outcome
 - 90% submittal rate
 - 75% met primary objectives
 - 25% did not meet requirements
 - missing crucial components
 - system not prepared for drought & potential water shortage conditions
 - Notice to governing bodies
- Improvements
 - Emergency supplies
 - Guidance
 - System water plan form
 - Example stages & measures
 - Drought planning tool



Improved Guidance



Drought Stage 0 Normal management

measures

Conservation measures and programs to be implemented on a continual basis

Examples -

- Provide general education and outreach (pamphlets, workshops, etc.)
- Meter water use at the source and all connections, ensure meters are working properly, perform water use audits
- Limit lost and unaccounted for water (e.g. implement leak detection and repair programs, control evaporation from storage tanks, eliminate illegal connections)
- Encourage low water use landscaping (e.g. create a low water use/drought tolerant plant list for your area, encourage installation of efficient irrigation systems)
- Evaluate population trends and projected growth to determine future water needs
- Develop conservation incentive water rate structures
- Develop arrangements for alternative/back-up water supplies should they become necessary

The above programs are basic measures that should be considered by all providers. Systems with sufficient resources should develop more advanced programs.

Drought Stage 1

Precautionary management measures

Recommended when caution is needed to avoid stressing supplies

Examples -

- Communicate conditions, increase outreach
- Encourage further reductions or changes related to landscaping (e.g. turf removal, discourage winter overseeding)
- Promote use of commercial car washing facilities where water is recycled
- Increase system-wide leak detection efforts and expedite repairs
- Monitor water levels of wells, reservoirs more frequently
- Promote rainwater harvesting
- Discourage subdivisions from requiring turf
- Encourage restaurants to provide water only upon request
- Encourage hotel/motels to implement linen & towel replacement programs
- Update arrangements for alternative/back-up water supplies should they become necessary
- Continue actions from previous stage, if applicable

Drought Stage 2

Intermediate management

measures

Recommended when there is a possibility that supplies may not meet demand

Examples -

- Implement time of day/day of week schedules
- Request a voluntary percent reduction from water users and offer tips on how to achieve it
- Prohibit subdivisions from requiring turf
- Implement increased conservation rate changes or surcharges
- Require restaurants to provide water only upon request
- Require hotel/motels to implement linen & towel replacement programs
- Require public facilities to reduce water use by communitydetermined percentage
- Impose restrictions on fire and fireworks
- Prohibit or reduce winter overseeding
- Confirm arrangements for alternative/back-up water supplies should they become necessary
- Continue actions from previous stages, if applicable

Drought Stage 3 Advanced management

measures

Recommended when there is a good probability that supplies will not meet demands

Examples -

- Implement alternative/back-up water supply strategies (temporary pumping, water hauling, emergency interconnects, and water rights transfers)
- Institute water use reductions for large turf facilities
- Eliminate outdoor watering: no misters in commercial or public facilities, residential car washing, water used in fountains, or residential pool refills - consider watering trees but allowing shrubs/ grass to die off
- Prohibit all public water uses not required for health or safety
- Suspend water use of interruptible customers (such as construction water) during peak periods
- Implement turf removal program
- Consider a moratorium on building permits if current demand cannot be mot
- Continue actions from previous stages, if applicable



Drought Planning Tool



Arizona Community Water System Drought Planning Tool

Home | Identify | Sensitivity Questionnaire | Select Response Measures | Justification & Implementation | Drought Preparedness Plan

Step 2: Drought Sensitivity Questionnaire

Please supply an answer to each of the following questions. We • Required fields.

- Does your system use surface water?
- Does your system use groundwater?
- Do you expect any type of changes in your area that could ne
- Do you implement an active conservation program among your
- Do you have emergency backup supplies if needed?
- Do you have more than three peak days of water supply to pro
- Have you had to haul water to supply your customers in the la
- Do you have existing interconnections to another water supplied
- Have you had to rely on an interconnection to supply your cust
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- Do you anticipate constraints that will prevent you from meeting

Arizona Community Water System Drought Planning Tool

Home | Identify | Sensitivity Questionnaire | Select Response Measures | Justification & Implementation | Drought Preparedness Plan

Step 3: Select Drought Response Measures

Decide what management measures will be appropriate for your system for each drought stage. From the list of management measures, check the boxes next to the measures you will use for each drought stage, or fill in your own measures by clicking "add new measure? (consider measures for both the system and for the customers).

ADWR System ID#
CWS Name

Drought Stage see MTC Report These drought stages are depicted in the monthly drought monitoring report provided by the Governor's Drought Task Force. Use the status for your watershed provided by the long term maps to guide in the implementation of your drought response measures.	Management Measures				
	Stage 0 Normal	Stage 1 Abnormally Dry	Stage 2 Moderate	Stage 3 Severe	Stage 4 Extreme
Implement conservation measures/programs from water conservation plan	~	V	V	~	~
Continue measures from previous drought stage, if applicable.	X	~	~	~	~
Measure - Perhaps, these drought response measures should be ordered Drought Stage. The low stage measures should be listed first and the high stage measures last.					
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System water plans

Annual water use reports

Drought Planning for Community Water Systems

Requirements

- Water withdrawn& diverted
- Water received& delivered
- Effluent use
- Storage facilities
- Conservation measures

Outcomes

- Water use outside of AMAs
- Online reporting tool
- 70% submittal rate
- 50% filed online
- Notices to governing bodies
- Analysis

Due June 1st

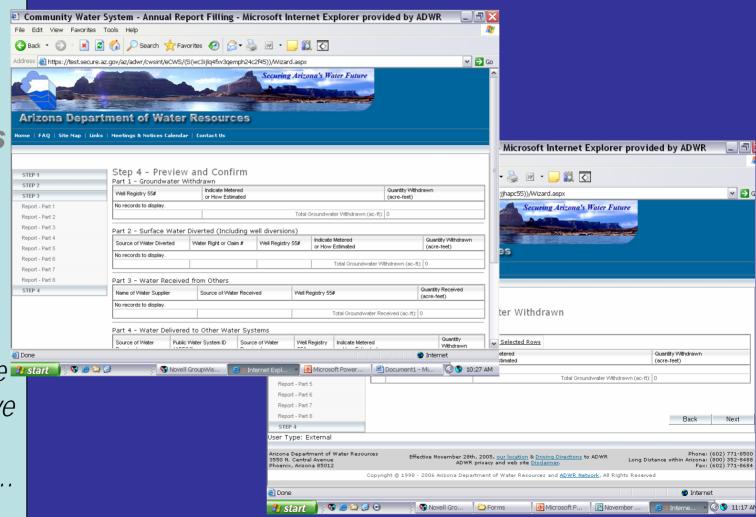


eCWS Online Reporting Tool

System water plans

Annual water use reports

Electronically file - save time, save money and conserve water...





Education and Outreach



Presentations

Web site

Local drought impact groups

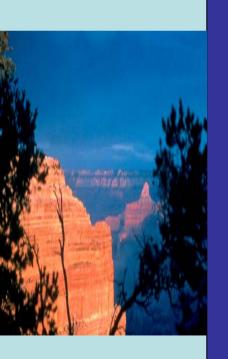
Conservation group



Recommendations for Improving Monitoring, Implementation and Response

Monitoring

 supports recommendations of the Monitoring Technical Committee





Dire drought and water shortage = responsibility and a more urgent need for help

Recommendations for Improving Monitoring, Implementation and Response

Implementation and Response

- LDIG support
 - Workbook or toolkit
 - Guidance for each workgroup
 - Mitigation and response planning
 - Info. needed, coordination, action, authority
 - How to identify monitors or drought impact reporters
 - Resources
 - Resources
 - Communication



A plan is just a plan. It's the first step.



Recommendations for Improving Monitoring, Implementation and Response

Implementation and Response

- Community water system support
 - Planning
 - Implementation
 - Authority
 - Preparedness
 - Technical resources



General Plan Modifications



2006 recommendations

- Changes
 - Plan allows flexibility
 - Operating based on recommendations



By creating a culture of conservation, we can greatly reduce the impacts of drought on our natural resources, economy, and quality of life.

Statewide Conservation
Office



Planning

Funding & Assistance

Education & Outreach

Technology Transfer



Tony Haffer, MTC Co-chair



Graham/ Greenlee

Mohave

Pima

Pinal

Yavapai

Local Drought Impact Groups

Focus on workgroups

- Monitoring
 - strategy for recruiting monitors
 - Drought Impacts Reporting System
 - Rainlog
 - listserv
- Education & Outreach
 - Newspapers drought status maps & conservation tip
 - Calendar for monitors

Needs

- Training & equip. for monitors
- Outreach



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Yavapai

- Combined counties
- 2 LDIG meetings to date
- Organizational structure
- Process for appointing steering committee (April 2007)
- Workgroups
 - Education/outreach Funding
 - Monitoring Mitigation/response



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Yavapai

- Attended Yavapai County meeting
- Planning meeting in July
- Recommendation to County Manager in October
 - BOS agenda item
 - establishing an LDIG
 - 8 member steering committee
 - 3 workgroups
 - coordinators
 - role as an advisory group



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Yavapai

- BOS approved Pima County Drought Management Plan (July 06)
 - Drought Task Force
 - Monitoring Committee (LDIG)
- 6 LDIG meetings
- Revisions to Drought Response Plan & Ordinance
- Reviewed drought indicator data for applicability
 - Drought Monitor Report
- Drought Level 1 Response (April 07)
- Compared major metro water providers' plans
- Drought Impacts Reporting System
- Monitoring Technical Committee meetings



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Local Drought Impact Groups

Education & Outreach -

- Joint press conference Stage 1 declaration
- Web page <u>www.pima.gov/drought</u>
- Water & sewer bill inserts
- Local TV interviews
- Articles
- Water providers use a consistent message
- Rain gauges

Needs - information sharing & coordination



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Yavapai

- 6 meetings
- Organizational structure
- Monitoring
 - Participation within the 3 AMAs
- Mitigation & Response
 - Identify triggers & response mechanisms
- Education & Outreach
 - Looking to improve
- Needs
 - Open Houses



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Pinal

Yavapai

- Organizational structure
 - Steering Committee
 - Yavapai County WAC
- 2 meetings to date
- Monitoring (38)
 - 1 year 38 members
 - Rainlog focal point
- Mitigation (19)
 - Draft Mitigation & Preparedness Guidelines
- Education & Outreach (19)



Conclusion

Expand program

Ideas to ICG

State leadership





Comments, Suggestions, Additions



Thank you

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Governor Janet Napolitano



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